



## **COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN ASSISTANCE CENTER**

The mission of the Columbus Neighborhood Design Assistance Center (Design Center), is to improve the physical appearance and economic performance of central city commercial neighborhoods and adjoining residential areas, both as district communities and as integral elements of the city. Through advocating good design and providing responsive design and planning services, the Design Center has assisted hundreds of businesses, property owners and community groups develop neighborhood improvement plans, parks, storefront designs, parking facilities and streetscape improvements. This work has leveraged over \$60 million in inner city building improvements and public capital improvements since the organization's founding as a private, non-profit corporation in 1982.

### **In pursuing its mission, the Design Center observes the following principles:**

- That community groups, as represented by individual residents, businesses and property owners, best know the needs and problems of their community.
- That through access to professional assistance, community groups can participate more effectively in the development of their community.
- That the most useful technical assistance not only identifies and solves an immediate need, but also educates the client to become self sufficient.

### **SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

**Services are provided in designated Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Districts and Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) and include:**

#### **Exterior Design:**

Recommendations for new buildings, storefront improvements, signage, exterior lighting, parking layouts and landscaping in a project package consisting of colored renderings, drawings and cost estimates.

#### **Financial Assistance:**

Guidance for property and business owners to secure public and private financing for building improvements.

#### **Neighborhood Planning:**

Neighborhood improvement plans, parking studies, streetscape improvements, design guidelines and marketing strategies developed in conjunction with neighborhood groups and the City.

#### **Information Services:**

An extensive library of books, reports, periodicals and brochures about design, planning, economic revitalization, construction techniques and historical restoration for public use. A database of property information and maps is also available.

The Design Center's professional staff and student interns operate out of a rehabilitated inner city commercial building with funding support from the City of Columbus Development Department and The Ohio State University through Ohio's Urban University Program.

The Design Center has received numerous commendations, awards and widespread recognition including a Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio and the James B. Recchie Design Award. Today the Design Center is recognized as one of the most successful and innovative Community Design Centers in the country and has become a resource for similar organizations throughout the region.

**For more information, please contact the Columbus Neighborhood Design Assistance Center at (614) 221-5001, FAX (614) 221-5614 or write to CNDAC at 65 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215.**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION AREAS:**

- 1 - Hilltop/West Broad Street--Highland Avenue to Roys Avenue
- 2 - Franklinton/West Broad Street--Scioto River to Interstate 70
- 3 - Old North Columbus/North High Street--Patterson Avenue to Dodridge St.
- 4 - Short North/North High Street--Goodale Boulevard to 11th Avenue
- 5 - North Market Historic District
- 6 - Parsons Avenue--Livingston Avenue to Frank Road
- 7 - East Livingston Avenue--Fairwood Avenue to Lockbourne Road
- 8 - East Main Street--Parsons Avenue to Nelson Road
- 9 - Olde Town Quarter/Parsons Avenue--Broad Street to Bryden Road
- 10 - East Long Street--Interstate 71 to Champion Avenue
- 11 - Mt. Vernon Avenue--Hamilton Avenue to Ohio Avenue
- 12 - East Fifth Avenue--Dawson Avenue to Gould Avenue
- 13 - South Linden/Cleveland Avenue--11th Avenue to Hudson Street
- 14 - North Linden/Cleveland Avenue--Hudson Street to Weber Road